

III. REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 4, 2006, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-2 and 8-11 are withdrawn. The specification and claims 1-6 are amended, and new claims 8-18 are added. The amendments are supported by the originally filed specification and claims. In particular, the amendments to the specification are supported by originally filed claim 3, and page 6, line 4 and claim 3 of the priority document (Italian Patent Application No. MI2002 A 001731). Meanwhile, claims 2 and 5 are amended to correct typographical errors and claims 8-18 are directed to the preferred subject matter removed from claims 1-6. No new matter is added.

The specification is objected to for lacking antecedent basis for the "T'" in formula III of claim 3.

Applicants respectfully submit that this objection has been rendered moot by the above amendments to the specification, which are supported by originally filed claim 3, and page 6, line 4 and claim 3 of the priority document (Italian Patent Application No. MI2002 A 001731). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Claim 5 is objected to for the asserted informalities. Applicants respectfully submit that this objection has been rendered moot by the above amendments to claim 5, which corrects the typographical error as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 3-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for the asserted indefiniteness.

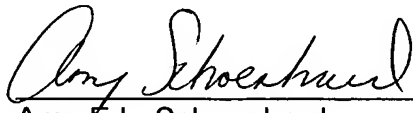
Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been rendered moot by the above amendments to present claims 3-6, removing the preferred subject matter as suggested by the Examiner in order to expedite prosecution of this application. Dependent claim 7 is patentable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event that this paper is not being timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Docket Number **108910-00111**.

Respectfully submitted,


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